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Family Law Information Centre Court Procedure Booklet #19

Changing an Existing Order for Child Support and Custody and/or Access

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This booklet provides general information only. You should speak to a lawyer for legal advice about your own situation.

The Court Procedure Booklets listed on the inside front cover of this booklet are available electronically at *www.albertacourts.ab.ca*.

The Court Procedure Booklets are available for sale from the Queen's Printer Bookstore by phoning (780)427-4952 in Edmonton, or (403)297-6251 in Calgary, or by phoning 310-0000 toll-free from anywhere in Alberta, and asking for either of these phone numbers or by accessing the Queen's Printer website at www.gov.ab.ca/qp



Family Law Information Centres

The Family Law Information Centres can provide information about:

- the Federal Child Support Guidelines,
- how to calculate child support,
- how to apply for or change a Child Support Order.
- how to oppose an application that involves child support, and
- the procedures that must be followed in other family law matters, such as spousal support and child custody.

Family Law Information Centres can be found at the following locations:

Family Law Information Centre, Edmonton Law Courts Building

1A Sir Winston Churchill Square Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 0R2

Tel: 780-415-0404 Fax: 780-415-0403 Family Law Information Centre, Calgary

Court House Annex 603 - 6th Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0T3

Tel: 403-297-6600 Fax: 403-297-6605

Family Law Information Centre Court Procedure Booklets

Applications Dealing With Child Support Or Arrears

If your application deals with child support or arrears, you should read the booklet "Information for Unrepresented Parties about Child Support Matters" before reading the appropriate procedure booklets below.

Child Support — when both parties live in Alberta

Obtaining Income Information from the Other Party for Child Support Applications

Applying for an Order for Child Support

Changing an Existing Order for Child Support

Decreasing Child Support, Reducing or Cancelling Arrears, and Stay of Enforcement

Reducing or Cancelling Arrears and Stay of Enforcement (where there is no change to ongoing support)

Applying for an Order for Child Support Under the Parentage and Maintenance Act

Applying for a Consent Order that Includes Child Support

Opposing an Application that Involves Child Support

Child Support — when the respondent lives outside Alberta

Provisional Application to Change an Order for Child Support - Divorce Act

Spousal Support

Applying for an Order for Spousal Support

Changing an Existing Order for Spousal Support

Custody and Access

Applying for an Order for Custody and/or Access

Changing an Existing Order for Custody and/or Access

Combination Applications

Applying for an Order for Child Support and Custody and/or Access

Changing an Existing Order for Child Support and Custody and/or Access

Applying for an Order for Child Support and Spousal Support

Changing an Existing Order for Child Support and Spousal Support

Applying for an Order for Child Support, Spousal Support and Custody and/or Access

Changing an Existing Order for Child Support, Spousal Support and Custody and/or Access

Restraining or Protection Orders

Applying for a Restraining Order Without Notice

Applying for a Protection Order on Notice

Review of an Emergency Protection Order

General

Opposing an Application that Does Not Involve Child Support

Applying for a Consent Order that Does Not Include Child Support

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About this Booklet

This booklet outlines what you must do when applying to change an existing Order for child support and custody and/or access in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

An application for custody and/or access must be made in the province where the children live. If the children do not live in Alberta do not use this booklet. You will need to speak to a lawyer.

If you are also asking to reduce or cancel arrears or for a stay of enforcement, you should also refer to the Court Procedure Booklet, Decreasing Child Support, Reducing or Cancelling Arrears and Stay of Enforcement and refer to the booklet Information for Unrepresented Parties about Child Support Matters.

If the parents agree on the amount of child support and on the terms of custody and/or access, do not use this booklet. Rather, you can apply for a Consent Order. It must be signed by a judge, filed with the court, and it must follow court procedures. For more information, see Court Procedure Booklet, Applying for a Consent Order that Includes Child Support.

If the parents cannot agree on the amount of child support to be paid or on the terms of custody and/or access, then an application must be made to the court. You will need to follow each of the steps outlined in this booklet. The judge will determine the appropriate amount of child support and terms of the Variation Order.

In all cases, including Consent Orders, the judge will refer to the *Federal Child Support Guidelines*. These guidelines make sure that the amount of child support is reasonable and in the best interest of the children.

The process outlined in this booklet is a very formal one that is designed to ensure fairness. There are 10 steps in the process. It is important that you follow each step carefully and thoroughly. The legal terms that you will need to know are explained in Appendix 1.

You should speak to a lawyer to determine if you have sufficient reasons to make the application, what evidence should be presented to the court, and possible outcomes for your application. If you decide to go ahead without a lawyer, you may need to consult other sources of information as you prepare your application. You can find the following documents at your local court house library, other libraries or at the listed websites:

- Alberta Rules of Court www.gov.ab.ca/qp/rules.html
- Family Law Practice Notes (attached to the Alberta Rules of Court) www.albertacourts.ab.ca/webpage/qb/qb_family_law_ practice_notes.htm
- Divorce Act founder.library.ualberta.ca/ftp/en/laws/title/d/index. html
- Federal Child Support Guidelines www.canada. justice.gc.ca/en/ps/sup/index.html
- Domestic Relations Act, Parentage and Maintenance Act
 www.gov.ab.ca/qp/acts.html

Before You Begin

Obtain income information

You should start an application for child support only after you have the income information from the other party. See the Court Procedure Booklet, Obtaining Income Information from the Other Party for Child Support Applications. Also, Section 21 of the Federal Child Support Guidelines states the type of income information that should be provided.

Make sure you have a copy of the existing Order

Before you can make an application, there must be an existing Alberta court action between you and the other party.

You will need a copy of the Order or Divorce Judgment that you want to change. If you don't have a copy, you can get a copy of your Order from the court house where it is filed. There will be a fee for this service.

The Order will give you the court action number and tell you exactly what was originally ordered. You can also use it to show which paragraph(s) of the Order you want to change.

Your application must be made, and all documents filed, in the judicial district where your initial action (for example, divorce) was filed. A list of all Chambers or Clerk's Offices located across the province (the judicial districts) is on the inside back cover of this booklet.

If you want to transfer your court file to another judicial district, see the Court Procedure Booklet, *Transferring Your Court File*.

Parenting After Separation Seminar

If you haven't already, you may have to attend the Parenting After Separation Seminar before you make your application. For more information about this, see the *Notice Of Mandatory Seminar* sheet, which is available from the Family Law Information Centre (please see the inside front cover of this booklet for locations) or Chambers Office (Clerk's Office).

Special Family Law Chambers

If you are asking the judge to change an existing Custody Order, you may need to make your application in Special Family Law Chambers. This will depend on the rules of the judicial district or court house where you are filing. It is recommended that you go directly to the Chambers or Clerk's Office to ask if this is necessary.

In the judicial district of Edmonton, it is recommended that you pre-book your Special Family Law Chambers date before you begin the steps in this booklet. Due to the nature of these Special Family Law Chambers applications, be aware that you will be booking well in advance of your court date.

Step 1: Complete the Child Support Data Sheets

1-1 Gather income information

Gather the income information needed to determine the amount of child support that should be paid according to the Federal Child Support Guidelines. This financial information should at least include: copies of the Income Tax T-1 General forms and notices of assessment and reassessment for each of the three most recent taxation years from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, copies of the three most recent pay stubs showing gross pay for the year to date, or other proof of current income, and any other information you have to support the calculation of your and the other party's guideline income. You will also need a detailed list of any special expenses either party is asking for under Section 7 of the Guidelines. For more information, please see Sections 7 and 21 of the Federal Child Support Guidelines and the booklet Obtaining Income Information from the Other Party for Child Support Applications.

Note: Even if the Federal Child Support Guidelines do not require the income information of the person who will be receiving child support, the judge may still require it.

1-2 Complete the Child Support Data Sheets

You can get copies of the Child Support Data Sheets (Data Sheets) from the Family Law Information Centre, or if you live outside of Edmonton or Calgary, from your closest Clerk's Office.

1-3 Have your Data Sheets reviewed

Your Data Sheets must be formally reviewed. Take the Data Sheets, along with copies of all income and other financial information, to the nearest Family Law Information Centre and they will review them. The addresses are on the inside of the front cover of this booklet.

Make sure you take copies of all income and other financial information with you. The Family Law Information Centre cannot review your Data Sheets without copies of this financial information.

If you live outside of Edmonton and Calgary, the review may be done at your closest Clerk's Office.

Once the Family Law Information Centre has reviewed your Data Sheets, they will provide you with a form called a Review Memo, along with Child Support Summary Sheet(s). You will need the Review Memo and the Child Support Summary Sheet(s) in later steps.

Step 2: Prepare a Notice of Motion

You must complete a Notice of Motion Family Law Application. It tells the court and respondent the date, time, and place of the upcoming application. The Notice of Motion also includes everything that the applicant will be requesting from the court.

You may use the sample of this form that begins on page 27. When completing this form, you must:

- mark the box before each item that you are requesting from the court and fill in any blanks for those items,
- give a brief statement of your reasons for making this application, and
- sign your name at the bottom of the form.

Right before your signature you are also asked to fill in the date that you swore your Affidavit in support. You will prepare this Affidavit in Step 3.

Step 3: Prepare an Affidavit

Affidavit evidence is the only type of evidence that a chambers judge will accept. It is important to include everything you need to prove your case and everything you want the judge to know. The only facts that you can discuss in court are those that are included in your or the other party's Affidavit on the court file.

The facts that you include in your Affidavit must be complete, accurate and relevant to the application before the court. There are serious consequences if you do not tell the truth. Remember that the other party or their lawyer can cross-examine or ask you questions on anything you include.

3-1 Prepare an Affidavit

You may use the sample Affidavit that begins on page 37. The facts in the Affidavit should be listed in separate numbered paragraphs. Each paragraph must be numbered consecutively (1,2,3...). Complete as much of the sample Affidavit as applies to your case. Then cross out any paragraphs that do not apply to your situation. See the instructions on page 26 on how to delete information from a court document.

Next, add any other facts you feel are necessary to support your application. Some sample clauses are on page 67. These clauses are just samples. You may need to print or type other clauses in order to present all of the facts in your own case.

Remember that the Affidavit will be read by the judge. Make sure that it is readable and understandable. If your Affidavit is messy or confusing, you will need to re-type the sample Affidavit.

Identify each document that you refer to in the Affidavit as an "Exhibit" and letter each one consecutively (Exhibit "A," Exhibit "B," and so on). For example your Affidavit may discuss "a copy of the letter from my employer dated January 1, 2000, which is attached and marked as Exhibit A."

Then attach one copy of each exhibit, in alphabetical order, to the Affidavit, immediately after the signature page and immediately before the last page (called the backer). Label each exhibit clearly as Exhibit "A," Exhibit "B," and so on.

3-2 Swear or affirm to the truth of your Affidavit before a commissioner for oaths

You must swear or affirm before a commissioner for oaths that the contents of your Affidavit are true. You may be asked to show personal identification.

A Chambers Clerk may act as a commissioner for oaths. The commissioner for oaths will check to make sure that each exhibit mentioned in the Affidavit is attached to the Affidavit. Each exhibit will have to be stamped with an exhibit stamp. The commissioner for oaths has the stamp. The stamp must be filled in for each exhibit. It is the commissioner for oaths who must sign each completed stamp.

Step 4: File the Affidavit and Notice of Motion and Choose a Court Date

4-1 Make copies of your documents

In order to proceed with your application you will need multiple copies of the documents that you have already completed. You should make the following number of copies of each document:

- Four copies of your Notice of Motion (total of five with the original).
- Three copies of your Affidavit and all exhibits (total of four with the original).
- Three copies of your Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s) (total of four).

Whenever you photocopy your Affidavit, you must photocopy all of the exhibits as well.

Take the originals and the copies of these documents to the Chambers Office for filing. The address for the Chambers Office in each judicial district is on the inside back cover of this booklet. In smaller centres, the Chambers Office may not be a separate section, but would be part of the Queen's Bench Clerk's Office.

4-2 Choose a court date

When choosing your court date, remember that the respondent must have at least seven full days to reply to your application, not counting the date your application is served or your court date. Keep in mind the extra time you will need to serve your documents. It may take several days before the documents can be served in person. Or, the respondent may take a number of days to sign for and pick up registered mail. Step 5 will outline how to serve your application on the respondent.

The Chambers Clerk can help you choose a court date.

Write the court date on the first page of all copies of the Notice of Motion.

Important note - Special Family Law Chambers

If your application is in Special Family Law Chambers, you will have to follow different rules for filing and serving your documents. Some of the rules for filing and serving documents that are in this booklet will not apply to you. You may also have to file and serve special forms. Ask the Chambers Clerk about these rules.

The clerk will provide you with the time-lines for the filing and serving of documents. You will need to write these dates in the 'Important Notice to Respondent' on the back page of your Family Law Notice of Motion. See the backer on page 35.

These time-limits apply to both you and the respondent. It is very important that you meet each time-limit that applies to you. If you miss a time-limit, you may lose your court date.

4-3 File the Notice of Motion and Affidavit

The Chambers Clerk will file your Notice of Motion and Affidavit, and return copies to you. The clerk may not file your Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s), but may take a copy.

Step 5: Serve the Application

The Alberta Rules of Court contains specific rules to guarantee that the respondent has been notified of a court action, application or any resulting court orders. These rules refer to the "serving" of documents on the respondent. You may want to refer to Rules 13 to 26 of the Alberta Rules of Court for the procedure for service of court documents.

The respondent must receive one copy of each of the following:

- the filed Notice of Motion;
- the filed Affidavit; and
- the Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s).

Note: Do not serve the original Notice of Motion (the one with your original signature and round filing stamp). You will need the original when you prepare the Affidavit of Service. See step 6-1.

You can serve the documents either by having them delivered in person or sending them by registered mail.

If you have the documents delivered in person, the respondent is properly served only if the documents are handed directly to the respondent. You should get another person to deliver the documents. This avoids possible conflict. It also avoids a possible disagreement between you and the respondent about whether the documents were actually served.

If you use registered mail, the documents are not properly served until the respondent has signed for the documents. Make sure to keep the customer receipt. It will have the item identifier number of your registered mail. To prove you served these documents, you will need both the Delivery Confirmation Record and the Acknowledgement of Receipt (or signature copy) from Canada Post. You will need the item identifier number of your registered mail to get the Delivery Confirmation Record or the Signature Copy.

The Delivery Confirmation Record is available at Canada Post's Internet website for a period of 45 days at www.canadapost.ca, or by calling Canada Post Customer Service at 1-888-550-6333 for a period of 24 months. You must also specifically request the Signature Copy from Canada Post by calling 1-888-550-6333. There is a fee for this service.

If you cannot locate the person that you wish to serve, you may use one or more of the following methods to find him or her:

- Look in a local phone book. If you have access to a computer, check Canadian and U.S. phone and address listings on the Internet at www.worldpages.com.
- Check Henderson's Directory, or any similar directory (these are available at your local public library).
- Talk to friends and relatives of the person you wish to locate.
- Call local or long distance telephone directory assistance.

- Contact the person's current or previous place of employment.
- Hire a process server or private investigator (listed in the Yellow Pages).

Step 6:
Prepare and
File an
Affidavit of
Service

6-1 Prepare the Affidavit of Service

There is a sample Affidavit of Service beginning on page 69. The Affidavit of Service is used to explain how and when the respondent received a copy of your application. The person who served the respondent must provide the information about service. The original Notice of Motion and one copy of each of the Affidavit, Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s) must be attached to the Affidavit of Service as exhibits.

The person who served the documents must swear or affirm before a commissioner for oaths that the contents of the Affidavit of Service are true.

A Chambers Clerk may act as a commissioner for oaths. The person who signs the Affidavit may be asked to show personal identification.

6-2 Copy the Affidavit of Service

Make one copy of the complete Affidavit of Service. The complete Affidavit consists of the Affidavit of Service and all exhibits, including the original Notice of Motion and one copy each of the Affidavit, Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s).

6-3 File the Affidavit of Service

File the original and the copy of the Affidavit of Service with the Chambers Office. They will return one filed copy to you. Take this copy with you when you go to court.

Step 7: Going to Court

7-1 Prepare for court

Before going to court you should read "Points to Remember When Representing Yourself in Court" on page 13.

You will need to take the following things with you to court:

- a pen and paper to write down the judge's decisions as well as the judge's name, the court room number and date of the application;
- your copy of the filed Affidavit of Service which includes the Notice of Motion, Affidavit, Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s); and
- one copy of the Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s) to hand to the clerk in court.

If you and the respondent are able to come to an agreement before the court date, you may want to prepare a Consent Order which must be signed by a judge. In this case, you should notify the court before your court date. See the Court Procedure Booklet, Applying for a Consent Order that Includes Child Support.

7-2 Adjourning a court application

You may not be prepared to proceed with your court application because you are negotiating the terms of a Consent Order or have not had the time to have the Consent Order typed up or signed. In that case, you and the respondent may agree that the application should be adjourned or delayed.

To adjourn an application by telephone, call the Chambers Clerk no later than 9:30 on the morning of your court date. Tell the clerk that you and the respondent have agreed to adjourn the application and the new court date that you have agreed to. The Chambers Clerk may ask you for the court action number. You can only adjourn by telephone if both parties agree.

After you have notified the clerk, you must confirm the adjournment in writing. Write a short letter to the clerk providing:

- the full names of both parties,
- the court action number,

- the date your application was to be heard,
- the new court date, and
- the fact that both parties agreed to the adjournment.

Fax or deliver the letter before your original court date. You can ask the clerk for the fax number.

You can also adjourn your application by attending court on the original court date and asking the judge to adjourn the application. If the respondent agrees, the judge will adjourn your application to the new court date. If the respondent does not agree, the judge will ask you to explain why you want the adjournment. The judge will also ask the respondent why they are against the adjournment. Then the judge will decide whether or not your application will be adjourned.

7-3 Attend court

Find your court room number by checking the Chambers lists which are posted in the court house. You can also check with a clerk. Make sure you have the correct court room number. There may be more than one court room in the building hearing family matters at the same time.

Your application will be assigned a number on the Chambers list. This number will be called when it is time for your application to be heard.

Other matters will be scheduled in court at the same time as your own. You will have to wait until you (or your number) are called. Difficult or long applications may have to wait until others are dealt with or may be moved to another date and time.

Hand the Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s) to the clerk in court when you are called. The clerk will hand them to the judge.

You will be asked to present your case to the judge. The only evidence you can discuss in court is what is included in your or the other party's Affidavit on the court file. You should be prepared to answer any questions the judge may have.

If your application is unsuccessful, you may have to pay costs.

Points to Remember When Representing Yourself in Court

The court house is a very traditional place. When you are representing yourself it is up to you to persuade the judge that your position is right. For this reason you must act, dress and speak in a way which helps and does not distract from your case. Here are some tips:

- When you come to court, dress in clothes that are clean, neat and in good repair. You should be clean and neatly groomed.
- How you act is as important as how you look. Be respectful to everyone in the court house, which includes the judges, court staff, lawyers, the other party involved in your case and security officers.
- 3. The court has a very busy schedule. Be on time for any application, case management meeting, pre-trial conference, or trial, or there may be consequences. For example, if you are late for an application, your application may be dismissed if you are the applicant or, if you are the respondent, the court may proceed without you.
- The judge will not speak to you about your case except during a scheduled application, case management meeting, pre-trial conference or trial, and when the other party or lawyer is present.
- Wait until you are addressed by the judge before talking, otherwise the judge will not respond.
- Staff in the Clerk's office cannot give you legal advice or recommendations on what you should do. Always be polite to court house staff and provide them with any information or materials that are requested.
- 7. When you represent yourself it is very important that you take all necessary materials to support your application. You may be able to get legal advice from a lawyer ahead of time to make sure you are proceeding correctly and have all the right materials in their required form. Some lawyers will provide assistance with the preparation of these documents.
- 8. When you are attending a chambers application and the case is called, come forward to the counsel table at the front of the court room and tell the judge who you are. Always stand when you are addressing the judge. Refer to male judges as "My Lord" and female judges as "My Lady." Speak slowly in a clear voice with sufficient volume.
- Be respectful to the judge, any counsel and the other party. Do
 not speak out of turn. Outbursts, inappropriate language and
 displays of temper will not be tolerated and could well influence
 the outcome of your application.

Step 8: Prepare the Court Order

You will have to prepare a written Order. The notes that you made in court will help you prepare the Order. You may also want a copy of the notes that the clerk made in court. You can obtain them for a fee from the Chambers Office.

8-1 Prepare the Order

There is a sample Variation Order beginning on page 79. This sample Order complies with the *Federal Child Support Guidelines*.

Add or remove paragraphs, or change the wording of the sample Order as necessary to reflect the Order given by the judge in court. Some sample additional terms are on pages 89 and 91. These terms are just samples. You may need to change or adapt these sample terms to suit your own situation.

Note: If you need to add paragraphs or other terms you will need to re-type the sample Order.

Each of the terms of the Order should be in separate paragraphs, and numbered consecutively (1,2,3...).

The judge may not be prepared to sign an Order with handwritten paragraphs, paragraphs crossed off, or if significant changes have been made to the document. In this case, you will have to re-type the Order.

If the judge dismissed (or refused to grant) your application, you will still have to prepare a written Order. Sample Dismissal Orders are available where you received this booklet or on the Internet at www.albertacourts.ab.ca. After completing the Dismissal Order, make one copy of the Order, and bring the original and the copy to the Chambers Clerk for filing. The Chambers Clerk will arrange to have your order signed at a later time. One copy will be returned to you. If you want to have the Order mailed back to you, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If the judge dismissed your application you do not have to complete the remaining steps in this booklet.

8-2 Get the respondent to sign the Order

If the respondent was also in court, the respondent must sign the Order once it is prepared. This signature shows that the respondent agrees that the order that was prepared is what the judge ordered in court. The respondent's signature appears below the line "Approved as to form and content." Please note that if the respondent is represented by a lawyer, the lawyer will sign the Order rather than the respondent.

If the respondent will not sign the Order, you may want to speak to a lawyer or a clerk to find out what steps you can take.

8-3 Get the Order signed by the judge

Make four copies of the Order (a total of five with the original). Take the original and the four copies to the Chambers Office. The Chambers Clerk will arrange to have your Order signed at a later time. If the Order is signed, three copies will be returned to you.

If you want to have the Order mailed back to you, include a stamped, self-addressed 9" x 12" envelope. Include enough postage so that the Chambers Clerk can return three copies of the Order to you. Check with the post office to make sure that you have the correct postage by having the envelope weighed and stamped.

Step 9: Serve the Filed Order

9-1 Delivering the Order to the respondent

Serve a filed copy of the Order on the respondent using the same method as you used in Step 5.

9-2 Delivering the Order to the Director of Maintenance Enforcement

The Chambers Clerk will send a copy of the Order to the Director of Maintenance Enforcement (MEP). However, you may want to immediately provide a filed copy of the Order to MEP yourself so that they can act on it. The address for MEP is:

The Director of Maintenance Enforcement Program 7th Floor, J.E. Brownlee Building, 10365 - 97 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3Z7 phone: (780) 422-5554 or toll free in Alberta at 310-0000 and ask for (780) 422-5554 fax: (780) 422-1215

Step 10: Prepare and File an Affidavit of Service

Prepare an Affidavit of Service using the same method as you used in Step 6 and using the form on page 93.

Appendix 1: Explanation of Legal Terms

The following terms are used throughout this booklet and during the application process.

Action

A lawsuit or an application made in the courts. For example, when you apply to the court for a change in child support or to gain custody of a child, you are taking a legal action. You may take a legal action to enforce your rights or to correct a wrong done to you by another person. When an action is started, the court assigns it an action number. This number is then used in all of the documents related to the action filed with the court. See *Rules of Court: Rules 6-12* and *Rule 563*.

Affidavit

A written statement of facts that a person swears or affirms are true before a commissioner for oaths. The facts in the statement will be used as evidence in court. See definitions for evidence and fact. Affidavits may also be used to prove the identity of the person signing a document and to prove that you have delivered documents to another person. These types of Affidavits are called an Affidavit of Execution and an Affidavit of Service and are explained below. See Rules of Court: Rules 298-314 and Family Law Practice Note 3.

Affidavit of Execution

This is a written statement in which a person swears or affirms that they witnessed another person signing a document and verifies the identity of the person signing.

Affidavit of Service

This is a written statement telling when, where and how documents have been served on another person, and how that person was found and identified. It is sworn or affirmed to and signed by the person who served the documents. See the definition for service.

Applicant

The person who is making an application to the court. See the definitions for respondent and application.

Application

Asking the court to make an Order. You can make several applications in the course of a court action. See the definitions for action, Notice of Motion and Order. See Rules of Court: Rule 384-387 and 573-574 and Family Law Practice Note 3.

Approval as to Form and Content

Signing an Order that was not signed by the judge when the application was made. If an Order is not signed by the judge when the application is made, the respondent must sign the Order to show that they agree that the Order they receive is the same as the Order given by the judge in court. This does not mean that the person agrees with the Order. See the definition for consent. See *Rules of Court: Rule 323.1*.

Arrears

Any amount that has not been paid on a Support Order. If the monthly amounts ordered to be paid are not paid, they become arrears. Arrears can only be reduced by payment or by Order of the court.

Backer

The last page of a court document. It lists the action number, style of cause and your address on the right-hand side of the page. See definitions for action and style of cause.

Chambers (court)

A type of court where the judge makes a decision based upon affidavit evidence alone rather than oral testimony. Chambers applications usually take 10 to 20 minutes in total. If they are more complicated they should be scheduled for a special chambers date. At some court houses there is a separate chambers for family matters.

Chambers Clerk

Person in charge of reviewing and filing of court documents (notices of motion, affidavits, all related Court Orders, etc.), commissioning of affidavits for court matters, and processing documentation for scheduling of court lists. Can provide information on available court dates and filing deadlines.

Chambers Office / Clerk's Office

A department of the Court of Queen's Bench Clerk's Office. In smaller centres the chambers section may not be separately identified, but would be part of the Queen's Bench Clerk's Office. The Chambers Office deals with chambers matters only. See definition for Chambers Clerk for functions of the Chambers Office.

Clerk in Court

Person who organizes the court files and records the outcome of the court application for the judge. The clerk sits at the front of the court below the judge.

Commissioner for Oaths

Someone authorized by the province to swear or "commission" affidavits. Lawyers and court clerks are commissioners for oaths. Often banks and real estate offices have commissioners.

Consent

When a person voluntarily agrees to something proposed by another. If you sign an Order saying you are consenting to the Order, you are saying that you agree with everything that has been stated in the Order.

Consent Order

A Court Order signed by both parties showing they agree with everything that is in the Order.

Corollary Relief

Orders that may be granted at the time of divorce. Some examples of this are Orders related to custody, access and child support.

Costs

This is money that must be paid to another party or to the court. You may be ordered to pay costs if you are unsuccessful with your application or if you fail to attend a scheduled court date. See *Rules of Court: Schedule C*.

Court

In this booklet, court refers to the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench.

Defendant

The person responding to a court action. If you start a divorce action, you are the plaintiff and your spouse is the defendant.

Dismissal

A judge's refusal to grant an application.

Evidence

In court, the statements that are given under oath or the documents or other items that are shown to prove your case or disprove another person's case.

Exhibit

Any paper or document that is referred to, or mentioned, in an Affidavit. It should then be marked as an "Exhibit" and attached as a part of the Affidavit. See *Rules of Court: Rules 311-312*.

Fact

A thing that is known to have occurred, to exist, or to be true. It is a piece of factual evidence. See Rules of Court: Rules 305(1).

Federal Child Support Guidelines

These Guidelines are changes to the Divorce Act that were introduced on May 1, 1997. They are made up of rules and tables for calculating the amount of child support that should be paid based on income, number of children, and the province or territory of residence.

File / Filing

Giving documents to the court clerk to place on the court file. Any documents to be filed must have a backer, with the action number written on it, so that the clerk can find the file. See *Rules of Court: Rules 8-9*.

Gross

The total amount before any deductions. For example, gross income would be the total dollars that a person receives before any income taxes are deducted. The gross cost of daycare is the cost of daycare before any subsidies or income tax deductions are taken into account. See definition of net.

In Loco Parentis

A legal term for someone who is not a biological parent of a child but who acts like a parent to the child. The court may treat that person the same as a biological parent for custody and access rights. The court may also decide that the person has a financial responsibility to support the child.

Judge

In this booklet, judge means a Justice of the Court of Oueen's Bench.

Judicial Districts

Locations of Courts of Queen's Bench. These include Grande Prairie, Peace River, Fort McMurray, St. Paul, Edmonton, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Calgary, Drumheller, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat. See the inside back cover of this booklet for addresses and phone numbers.

Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP)

A provincial government department that is authorized to collect child and spousal support on behalf of the person entitled to receive the support. MEP may take steps such as garnishee (seizure) of bank accounts and pay cheques, seizure of assets, and suspension of driver's licences if support payments are not made voluntarily. MEP cannot reduce the amount of support payable, and MEP will not stop enforcing the Order unless instructed to do so either by the creditor or by the court. See definition of Stay of Enforcement.

Net

The amount after deductions. For example, net income refers to a person's income after income taxes are deducted. The net cost of daycare is the cost of daycare after any subsidies or income tax deductions are taken into account. See definition of gross.

Notice of Motion

A court form that is filed by the applicant. It tells the court and the respondent the date, time and place of the upcoming application, and everything the applicant will be asking the court for. See *Rules of Court: Rule 384*.

Notice to Disclose

A document that asks a person to provide financial information. See Family Law Practice Note 2.

Order

What the judge directed in court. The Order is then written up by the applicant and signed by the judge, or by the clerk of the court on the judge's behalf. See the definition for approval as to form and content. See Rules of Court: Rules 315-330.

Party

Someone who is directly involved in the court action or application. A party is either a plaintiff or defendant, or an applicant or respondent.

Petitioner

The person who starts a court action, for example, a divorce action. Divorces started before 1997 named the parties as petitioner and respondent. After 1997, they were named plaintiff and defendant.

Plaintiff

The person who starts a court action, for example a divorce action. See definition for defendant.

Respondent

A person who is responding to an application to the court. See definition for applicant.

Rules of Court

A book of rules that contains the basic procedures that must be followed for beginning and carrying out a court action.

Service

Delivering a document to the other party in an action or application. The documents must be served in a way that is described in the *Rules of Court* or allowed by the court in an Order for Substitutional Service. See *Rules of Court: Rules 13-26 and 564*.

Statement of Claim

A document that starts a court action unless stated otherwise in the Rules of Court or legislation. See Rules of Court: Rule 6(1).

Stay of Enforcement

An Order of the Court of Queen's Bench telling the Maintenance Enforcement Program to stop taking steps to collect any support that is still owed by a person. A Stay of Enforcement is often ordered for a limited time period, and is usually ordered with conditions imposed upon the person who is required to pay the support. For example, one condition may be that minimum monthly payments must be made or the Stay of Enforcement will end.

Statute

A law passed by the government. For example, the *Divorce*Act is a law passed by the federal government and the

Parentage and Maintenance Act is a law passed by the

provincial government.

Support Order

An Order made by a court directing that money be paid, usually on a monthly basis, for either spousal support or child support. The word "maintenance" can be used instead of "support." In the past, the term "alimony" was used to refer to spousal support.

Style of Cause

The part of any court document that identifies the type of court, and the place where the action will be heard (judicial district), the full names of the parties, and the name of the document. The style of cause is found at the top of the first page and on the backer of every court document filed. It must be exactly the same in all documents.

Substitutional Service Order

If it is impossible or impractical to serve the respondent personally with court documents, you may ask the court for an Order that will allow you to serve the respondent in a different way. The court may then grant a Substitutional Service Order. This defines how you can serve the respondent with the court documents. Examples of substitutional service are posting the document on the person's door, delivery by regular mail or courier, delivery to someone else who knows or lives with the person, or advertising in a newspaper. See *Rules of Court: Rule 23*.

Variation Order

A Court Order that changes the terms of an existing Court Order. See Rules of Court: Schedule B, Form 19.

Appendix 2: Sample Court Documents

What forms are included

The following forms are contained in this booklet:

- Notice of Motion (pages 27 35)
- Affidavit (pages 37 67)
- Affidavit of Service (Serving the Application) (pages 69 - 77)
- Variation Order (pages 79 91)
- Affidavit of Service (Service of the Order) (pages 93 - 101)

General Instructions for Completing Court Documents

- These forms have been developed for typical users. If your document is more complicated or requires more space, then you will have to re-type the form.
- All documents must be readable.
- Photocopy the forms you need from the booklet and work on the photocopies as your "rough copy." Keep the originals to prepare your final copy. You should read the form carefully before beginning to fill it out.
- Fill in all the blank lines with requested information, by either hand printing or typing, (except where signatures are required).
- Note that there is a style of cause (see Explanation of Legal Terms) at the top of the first page and on the backer of each form. Make sure that the style of cause on the first page is filled out in the same way as the one on the backer.
- The backer is the last sheet of the form. Fill in the backer with the requested information, making sure to include your court action number. The backer should be reversed so that the type faces out and is visible once the whole document is stapled together.

How to delete information from a document

- You must make sure every statement in your Affidavit is true. If there are paragraphs that do not apply to you or are not correct, you should cross them off.
- To cross off paragraphs, draw a straight horizontal line, in ink, through both the first and last lines of the paragraph, then draw a straight diagonal line joining these lines and forming a letter "Z."
- To cross off a single sentence, draw a horizontal line, in ink, through the middle of the sentence.
- Use a ruler to make your lines and initial any changes that you have made. Make sure you put your initials at the beginning and at the end of every strikeout that you make.
- You cannot use "white out" on any court documents.
 Any corrections or deletions must be neat and
 readable.

Notice of Motion Family Law Application

Use this form to notify the court and the respondent about an upcoming application.

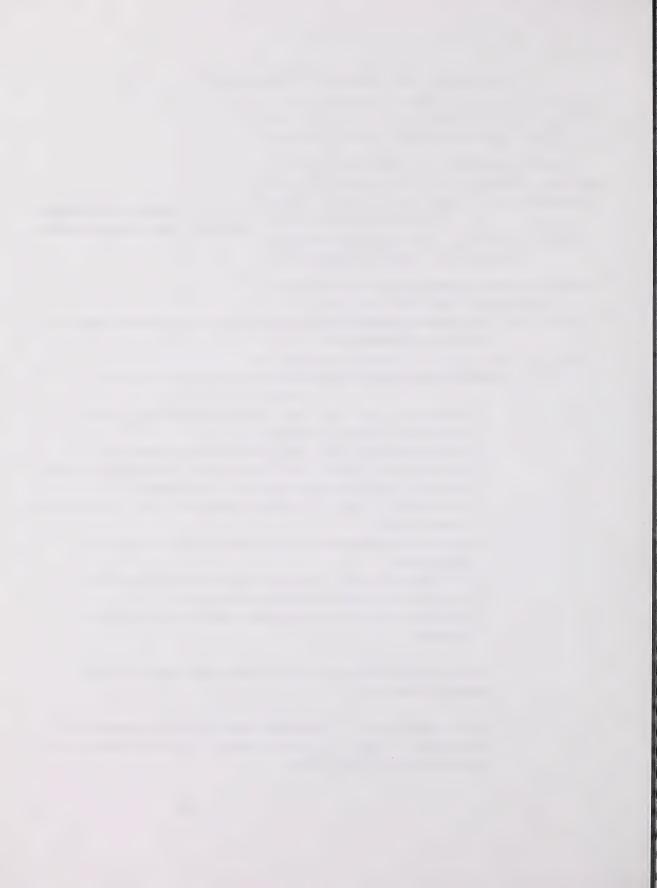
Before filing the Notice of Motion, make sure that you:

include your full name and the respondent's full name
in the form and on the backer
include the date, time, and place of your application
mark the box before each item that you are requesting from
the court and fill in any blanks for those items
do not check a box if you do not want the court to make that
type of Order
give a brief statement of your reasons for making this
application
fill in the date that you swore your Affidavit in support
sign your name at the bottom of the form
make four copies of the original (total of five with the

If your application is in regular Family Chambers, use the backer on page 33.

original)

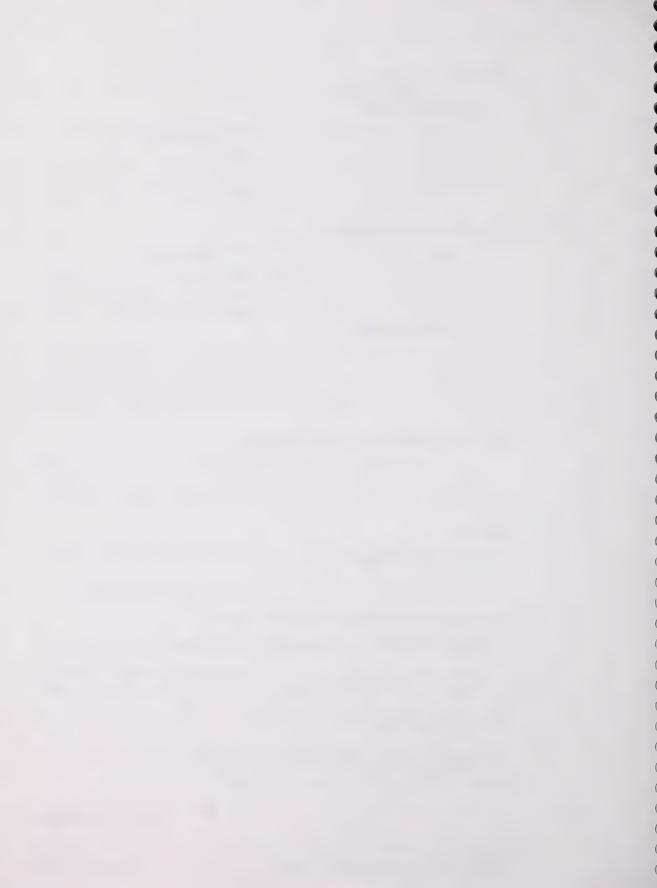
If your application is in **Special Family Law Chambers**, use the backer on page 35. You will need to fill in the dates for the filing and serving time-lines.



	Action No:	YOUR COURT ACT	
		YOUR COURT ACT	ON NUMBER
	In the Court of Queen's Bench of Albi	=RTA	
IN TH	E JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF		
BETWEEN:			
	YOUR NAME		
		,	Applicant
	- and -		
	OTHER PARTY'S NAME	D.,	
		Res	spondent
	Notice of Motion		
	FAMILY LAW APPLICATION	1	
	TAPILI LAW ATTECATION	•	
An application	n made by	will be heard at th	e Court
House in	which court house is located weekday	, the	_ day of
MONTH	, 20, at 10:00 a.m., for:		
Declaring	or $lacksquare$ Imputing the Respondent's income per year	r to be \$	·
□ Declaring	or \square Imputing the Applicant's income per year t	o be \$	·
Child Sun	port as follows:		
	Guideline support per month of \$		
expense	nal s. 7 expenses per month of \$es of:	, based on yearn	/
	Child care expenses	\$	
	Medical/dental premiums	\$	
	Health related expenses	\$	
	Extraordinary school expenses	\$	
	Post-secondary education expenses	\$	
	Extraordinary expenses for extracurricular activit	ties \$	
П.			
🛥 Spousal s	upport per month of \$.		



_	Custody Sole Joint Custo	dy
	of the following children:	
	1. FULL NAME	, born ;
	2	, born;
		, born;
		, born;
	Access to the following child	ren:
_		
	FULL NAME	, born ;
	2	, born;
	3	
	4	
	to be exercised as follows:	
П	Freelysius manageism of the	Sallandia a managada d
_	Exclusive possession of the	following property:
_		
Ц	Other:	
	[SET OUT ANYTHING ELSE YOU ARE REQU	ICCTNC1
	[SET OUT ANTIMING ELSE TOU ARE REQU	iestingj
The	Applicant relies on the follow	wing grounds or reasons:
	-	
	[PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF YOUR F	REASONS FOR BRINGING THIS APPLICATION]
If y	ou do not appear, an order n	nay be made in your absence.
The	Applicant has filed an Affida	vit in support of this application, sworn on the
DATE	day of	, 20
		Signature of the Applicant



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

If you want to respond to this application, you or your lawyer must attend in the Court House on the date and at the time specified.

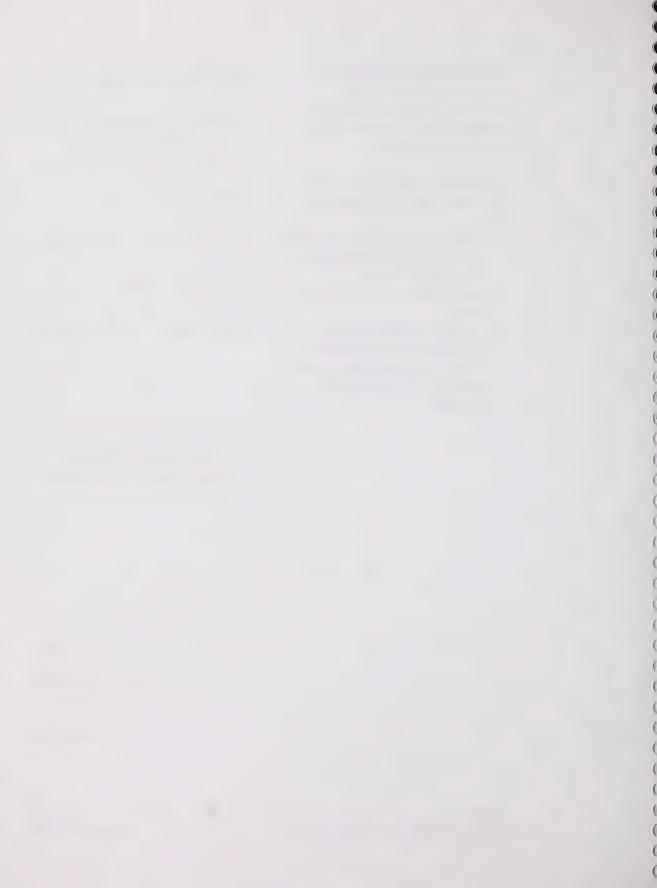
If you want to present any evidence to the Judge hearing this application you must:

- make an Affidavit, sworn or affirmed as true before a Commissioner for
 Oaths or Notary Public;
- file the Affidavit with the Clerk of the Court;
- make sure the Applicant's lawyer (or the Applicant if he or she does not have a lawyer) receives the Affidavit at least 24 hours before the hearing.

Action No: Your COURT ACTION NUMBER
IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
BETWEEN:
YOUR NAME Applicant
- and -
OTHER PARTY'S NAME Respondent

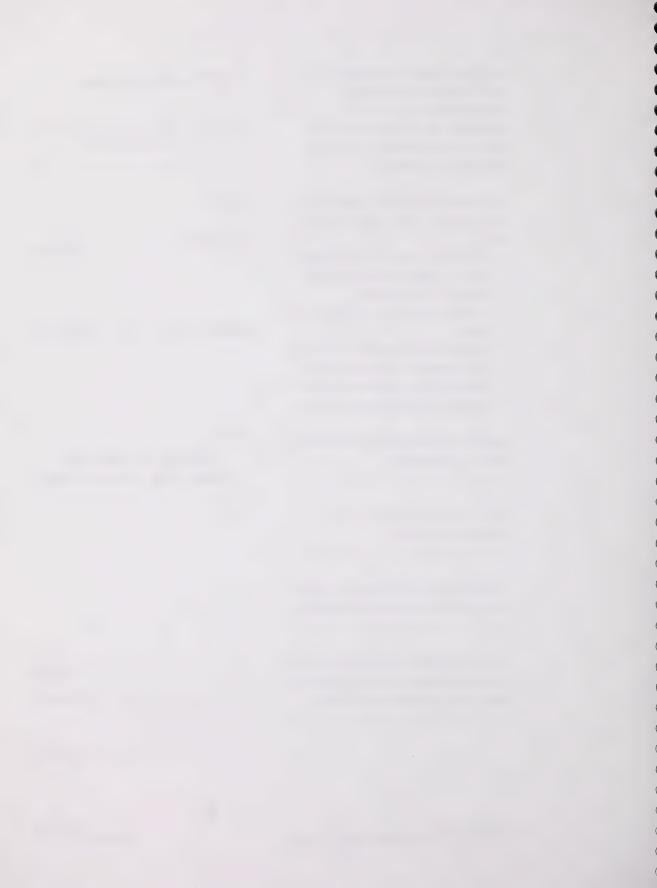
NOTICE OF MOTION FAMILY LAW APPLICATION

YOUR NAME
 YOUR ADDRESS
YOUR PHONE NUMBER



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESPONDENT FOR SPECIAL FAMILY LAW CHAMBERS:	Action No: Your Court Action Number		
If you want to respond to this application, you or your lawyer must attend in the Court House on the date and at the time specified.	In the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in the Judicial District of		
If you want to present any evidence to the Judge hearing this application you	BETWEEN:		
 must: make an Affidavit, sworn or affirmed as true before a Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public; file the Affidavit with the Clerk of the 	YOUR NAME Applicant - and -		
Court; make sure the Applicant's lawyer (or the Applicant if he or she does not have a lawyer) receives the Affidavit pursuant to the following time-lines:	OTHER PARTY'S NAME Respondent		
Applicant to file and serve their Notice of Motion and Affidavit by:	NOTICE OF MOTION FAMILY LAW APPLICATION		
Respondent to file and serve their Affidavit in response by:			
Applicant to file and serve their Affidavit in response to Respondent's Affidavit by:			
Both the Applicant and Respondent must file with the court a concise confirmation	YOUR NAME		
letter outlining issues and authorities by:	YOUR ADDRESS		

YOUR PHONE NUMBER



Affidavit

Use this form to present all of the facts that are necessary about your application.

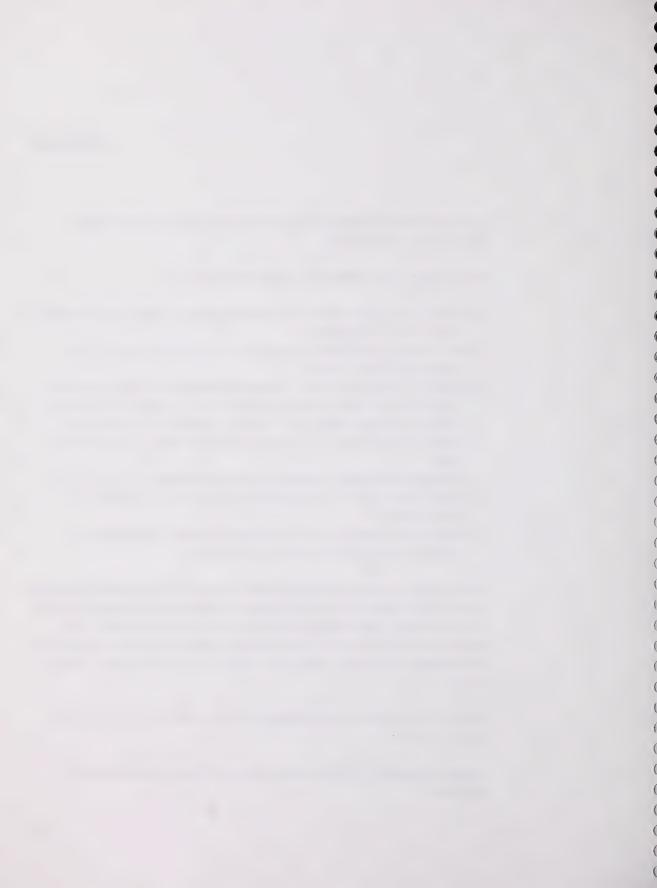
Before filing the Affidavit, make sure that you:

include your full name and the respondent's full name in the
form and on the backer
fill in the paragraphs that apply to you and cross off the
paragraphs that don't
add any other facts you feel are necessary to support your
application. Some sample clauses are on page 67. These
clauses are just samples. You may need to print or type
other clauses in order to present all the facts in your own
case.
number all of your paragraphs consecutively (1, 2, 3, 4)
letter each one of your exhibits consecutively (Exhibit A,
Exhibit B)
make three copies of the original Affidavit, including all
exhibits (total of four with the original)

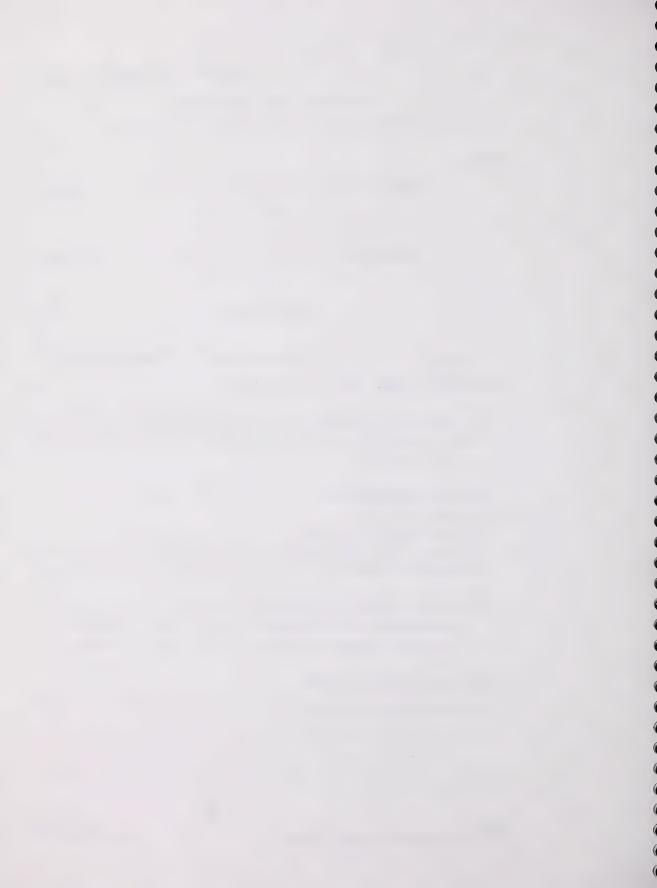
Use a ruler when crossing off the paragraphs that don't apply to you. Cross them out by drawing a straight line through the first and last lines and a diagonal line joining them to form a "Z." Make sure that you put your initials at the beginning and at the end of every strikeout that you make. You cannot use "white out".

Note: You cannot make changes to your Affidavit once it has been sworn.

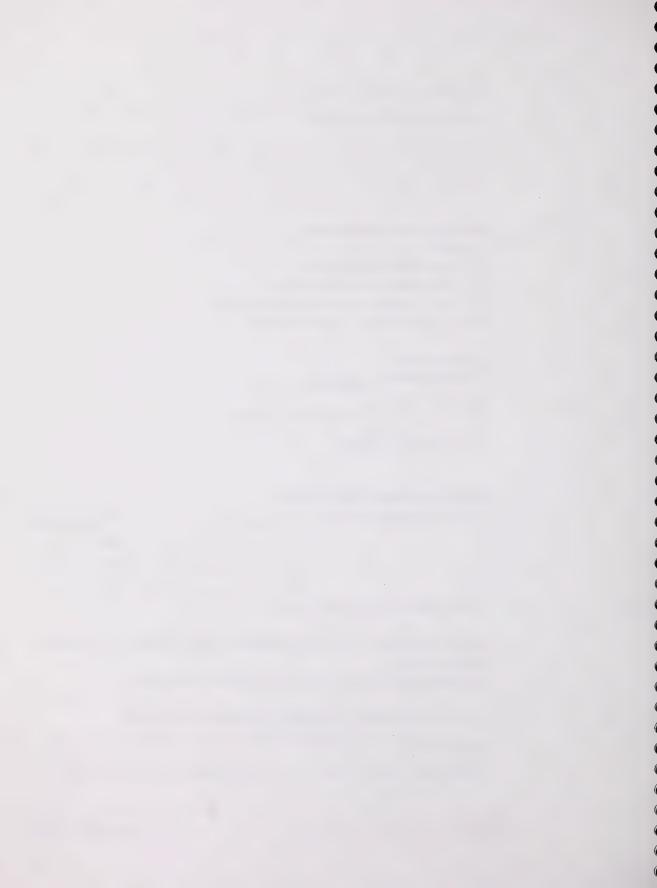
Attach all exhibits at the end of your Affidavit just before the backer.



	Action N	No:
	IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF	
	IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF	
BETWEEN:		
	YOUR NAME	Applican
	- and -	
	ATUE DISPUS MAN	
	OTHER PARTY'S NAME	Respondent
	Affidavit	
I, YOUR NA	, of the CITY' OR 'TOWN' OR OTHER	Of NAME OF CITY, TOWN, ETC
in the Provin	ce of Alberta, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:	
informat I do beli What Y 2. I am ask	Applicant herein and as such have a personal fon, except where stated to be based on information even it to be true. You are Asking For this into the court for: You do complete all that apply:)	
	aring or \square Imputing the Respondent's incom-	ne per year to be
☐ Decl	aring or \square Imputing the Applicant's income $\mathfrak p$	per year to be
☐ Incre	easing or $lacksquare$ Decreasing child support as follo	ows:
1. Ba	asic Guideline support per month of \$	for children.
2. Ad	dditional s. 7 expenses per month of \$	for children.
a cha	ange in custody as follows:	
GIVE DETAIL	S OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN CUSTODY	



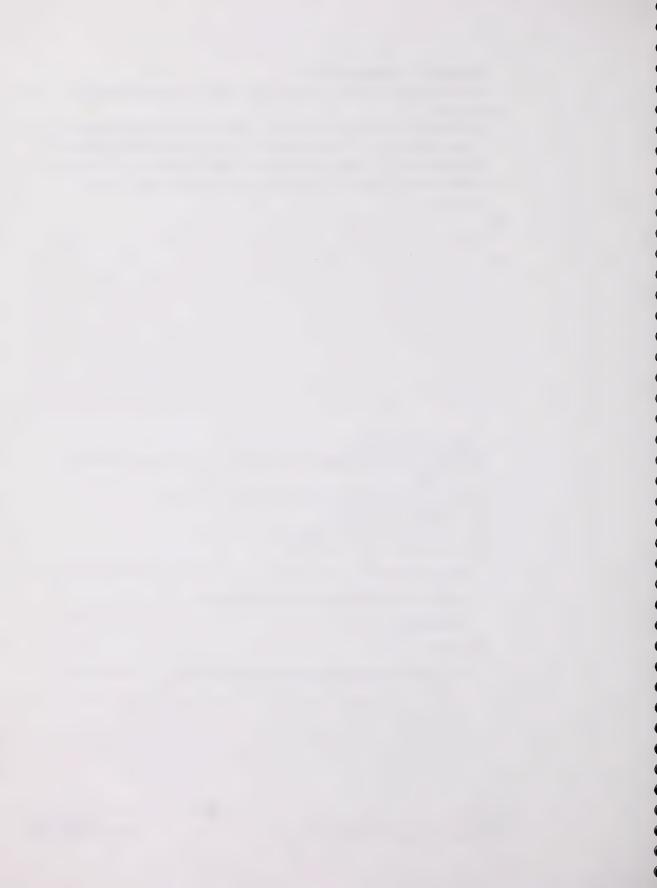
	■ a change in access as follows:			
	GIVE DETAILS OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN ACCESS			
	History of Your Relationshi	p		
3.	Check one only:	•		
	☐ I am married to the Responde	ent.		
	☐ I am divorced from the Respo			
	☐ I have lived common-law with			
	☐ The Respondent and I never			
4.	Check one only:			
7.	•			
	We separated on MONTH/DAY/YEA	R *		
	☐ We were divorced on	Y/YEAR		
	☐ We never lived together.			
	— We here, med togethen			
	Information about Your Ch	ildran		
5	We have the following children:		horn	
5.	we have the following children:	(i) NAME	, born	
		(ii)	, born	
		(iii)	, born	
		(iv)	, born	
	Referred to from now on as "the			
	Information about your Co	urt Order for Chil	d Support and Custody	
	and/or Access			
	(Give details about the Order you	are asking the Cour	t to change.)	
6.	An Order for child support and cu	stody and/or access	was granted on	
	by the Honor	urable Justice	•	
	Attached and marked as Exhibit '	' to this my Affic	lavit is a copy of this Order.	



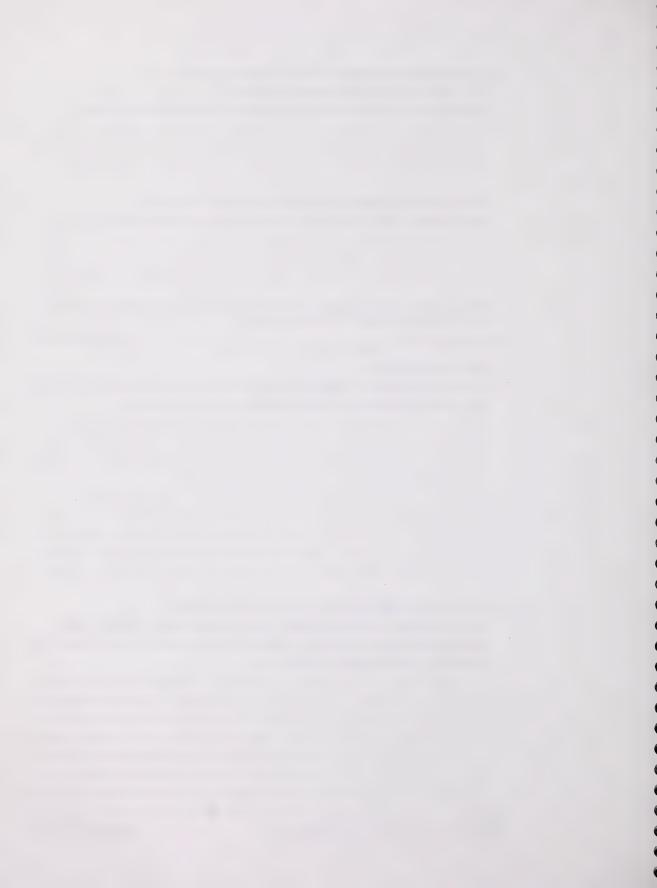
Changes in Circumstances

circ	ums	stances:
		t every relevant change since the date of the last Order for child support and tody and/or access. Each change should be in a separate lettered paragraph.
		s may include any change in the condition, means, needs or other circumstance the children and any change as provided for in the Federal Child Support
	Gui	delines.)
(a)		
(b)	_	
	_	
		·
0	Cha pro	stody and Access ange the following paragraphs to suit your own current parenting situation — vide details.
8.		ck the custody arrangements that are in place right now: The children live with me.
	_	The children live with the Respondent.
	_	The following children live with me:
		NAMES OF CHILDREN ,
		and the following children live with the Respondent:
		NAMES OF CHILDREN
		Other:
		GIVE DETAILS OF THE CUSTODY ARRANGEMENT THAT IS IN PLACE RIGHT NOW

7. Since the time the Order was granted, there has been the following change of



-	(provide details of your access only for the children that do not live with you)
-	
	The Respondent spends the following time with the children: (provide details of the Respondent's access only for the children that live with you)
)	Change the following paragraphs to suit the custody and access arrangement that you are asking the court for — provide details.
.]	want the children,, to live with me for, to live with me for,
	the following reasons:
	give complete details, including your role and the Respondent's role in the childrenday to day care and routine, both before and after your separation)
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-	
. 1	My plan for the day to day care of the children is as follows:
	give details if you are asking for the children to live with you, including: school arrangements, how you will care for the children when you are at work or away from
1	the home - day care, after school care, etc.)
-	
_	



(co	I want the following access to the children: mplete only if you are asking the court for access - specify days and times)
	I am willing to give the respondent the following access to the children: mplete only for the children that are in your custody, or that you have asked to tody of - specify days and times)
	come of Applicant cose one only:
	Jose one only:
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	I am employed at
	I am employed at
П	I am employed at
_	I am employed at
	I am employed at NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER POSITION LENGTH OF TIME IN THIS POS I am self-employed at NAME AND PLACE OF BUSINESS
0	I am employed at
	I am employed at NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER POSITION LENGTH OF TIME IN THIS POSITION I am self-employed at NAME AND PLACE OF BUSINESS
	I am employed at NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER POSITION LENGTH OF TIME IN THIS POSITION LENGTH OF TIME IN BUSINESS LENGTH OF TIME IN BUSINESS I have been unemployed since and details of my
	I am employed at NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER POSITION LENGTH OF TIME IN THIS POSITION LENGTH OF TIME IN BUSINESS LENGTH OF TIME IN BUSINESS I have been unemployed since MONTH/DAY/YEAR and details of my
	I am employed at NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
	I am employed at NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
	I am employed at NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
	I am employed at NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER



14.	I am a \square shareholder \square director \square officer	of a cor	poration.			
	Attached and marked collectively as Exhibit '' to this my Affidavit are copies of					
	the financial statements of this corporation for each of the	last 3	years.			
15.	Attached and marked collectively as Exhibit '' to this my T1 General forms and Notices of Assessment and Rea Customs and Revenue Agency for each of the 3 most recopy of a Canada Customs and Revenue Agency printout of for the last 3 years).	ssessmi	ent from Canada ation years (or a			
16.	Attached and marked collectively as Exhibit `' to this my 3 most recent pay remittance stubs (or statement from my gross pay and deductions for the year to date, and m	m my er	mployer outlining			
	Attached and marked collectively as Exhibit '' to this (Attach any other relevant documents to support the guid such as student finance information or the most recent statemployment insurance, social assistance, pension, disability compensation — and including any documents required by	eline ind atement ty, or w	come calculation is of income from orkers			
	Guidelines.)					
18.		deter	mined as follows:			
18.	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$	_, deter	mined as follows:			
		_, deter	mined as follows:			
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$	_, deter				
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$ All sources of my gross income		ANNUAL AMOUNTS			
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$	+,	ANNUAL AMOUNTS			
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$ All sources of my gross income Employment income Employment insurance benefits Social assistance attributable to spouse only	+, +	ANNUAL AMOUNTS \$			
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$ All sources of my gross income Employment income Employment insurance benefits	+, + + +	ANNUAL AMOUNTS \$ \$			
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$	+, + + + +	ANNUAL AMOUNTS \$ \$			
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$ All sources of my gross income Employment income Employment insurance benefits Social assistance attributable to spouse only Other: SPECIFY Total annual gross income:	+, + + + +	ANNUAL AMOUNTS \$ \$			
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$	+, + + + +	### ANNUAL AMOUNTS \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$			
	I calculate my annual guideline income to be \$	+ + + + + =	### Annual Amounts \$			



19.		I do not expect any significant changes in my employment situation. I expect the following changes in my employment situation:
		DESCRIBE CHANGES, INCLUDING EXPECTED RAISES OR CHANGES IN SALARY
	In	come of Respondent
20.	Cho	pose one only:
		The Respondent is employed.
		The Respondent is self-employed.
		Details of his/her employment/self-employment are (provide if known):
		NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER OR PLACE OF BUSINESS
		POSITION LENGTH OF TIME IN THIS POSITION
		The Respondent has been unemployed since $\frac{1}{MONTH/DAY/YEAR}$ and details of his/her
		unemployment are:
		(Give details, if known, including prospects of employment, any benefits the
		Respondent is receiving, steps he/she is taking to find employment, or if in
		school, type of program and expected completion date.)
21.	The	Respondent is a shareholder director of a corporation.
	Att	ached and marked collectively as Exhibit '' to this my Affidavit are copies of
	the	financial statements of this corporation for each of the last 3 years.
22.	Att	ached and marked collectively as Exhibit '' to this my Affidavit are copies of
		Respondent's T1 General forms and Notices of Assessment and Reassessment
		n Canada Customs and Revenue Agency for each of the 3 most recent taxation
		rs (or a copy of a Canada Customs and Revenue Agency printout of his/her
	inc	ome tax returns for the last 3 years).
23.	Att	ached and marked collectively as Exhibit '' to this my Affidavit are copies of
		Respondent's 3 most recent pay remittance stubs (or statement from his/her
		ployer outlining his/her gross pay and deductions for the year to date, and his/her
	iate	e of annual salary).



24.	Attached and marked collectively as Exhibit `' to this my Affidavit are copies of (Attach any other relevant documents to support the guideline income calculation for the Respondent such as student finance information or the most recent statements of income from employment insurance, social assistance, pension, disability, or workers compensation — and including any documents required by section 21 of the Guidelines.)						
25.	I calculate the Respondent's annual guideline income to be \$,						
	determined as follows:						
	All sources of Respondent's gross income		ANNUAL AMOUNTS				
	Employment income	+	\$				
	Employment insurance benefits	+	\$				
	Social assistance attributable to spouse only	+	\$				
	Other:	+	\$				
	Total annual gross income:	=	\$				
	Guideline adjustments to total income:						
	Deduct: professional and union dues Other guideline adjustments: SPECIFY	- /+	\$ \$				
	Total annual adjustments to income:	-/+	\$				
	Guideline Income (total of gross income and adjustment	rs): =	\$				
26.	I have served a Notice to Disclose on the Respondent but the Respondent has failed to provide me with the required information.						
	I ask the court to impute (consider as part of) in annual sum of \$ for the following real		Respondent in the				
	OR						



	inere is a court order gi	ranted by the Honourable Justice	E OF JUSTICE		
	on declarin	g the Respondent's guideline income	e to be \$		
27	'Add-on' or Special Exp	penses special expenses for the children:	GROSS ANNUAL		
۷,	Tam daming the following	special expenses for the armarem	Amounts		
	Child care expenses (daycar	e/babysitting)	\$		
	Children's portion of medica	l or dental premiums	\$		
	Health-related expenses in eillness or event, net of reimi	\$			
	Extraordinary expenses for p	primary/secondary school	\$		
	Expenses for post-secondary	y education			
	Tuition amount	\$	\$		
	Extraordinary expenses for e	extracurricular activities	\$		
	· ·	ense is for, and the nature of each e ceipts, they must be marked as exhi			
28	I believe the above special expenses are necessary and reasonable for the following reasons:				
	Attach any supporting mate	rial, and mark it as an exhibit.			
29	I disagree with the following special or extraordinary expenses that the Respondent is claiming:				
	IDENTIFY THE SPECIAL EXPENSES THAT Y	OU DISAGREE WITH			



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Me	edical or Dental Insurance Coverage			
_	oose one only:			
	I do not have health benefit coverage available to me for the children.			
u	I have health benefit coverage available to me for the children. Details of the plan are:			
	GIVE DETAILS OF COVERAGE AND COST OF THE PLAN			
Ch	oose one only:			
	The Respondent does not have health benefit coverage available to him/her for			
	the children.			
	The Respondent has health benefit coverage available to him/her for the children			
	and I am asking that he/she gets or keeps this coverage for the children. Deta			
	of the plan are:			
	GIVE DETAILS OF COVERAGE AND COST OF THE PLAN			
Sp	ousal Support			
31. Ch	oose one only:			
	The Respondent gives me monthly spousal support in the sum of \$ as decided in a written Agreement or Court Order.			
	I pay the Respondent monthly spousal support in the sum of \$ as decided in a written Agreement or Court Order.			
Ot	her Facts			
from y	by other facts, in separate numbered paragraphs (starting with #32), continuing our last numbered paragraph. Continue your list of facts onto the last (signature) of the Affidavit.			

See the sample clauses on page 67 for certain special circumstances.

I disagree with these expenses for the following reasons:



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Insert the Exhibits for your Affidavit here

Make sure the exhibits are labelled alphabetically in the order in which they appear in the Affidavit.

Put them in the same order when inserting them here.



YOUR COURT A	ACTION NUMBER
IN THE COURT OF QUEEN	'S BENCH OF ALBERTA IN
THE JUDICIAL	DISTRICT OF
BETWEEN:	
YOUR NAME	Applicant
- an	nd -
OTHER PARTY'S NAME	Respondent
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	YOUR NAME
	YOUR ADDRESS
	YOUR PHONE NUMBER



SAMPLE CLAUSES TO INCLUDE IN YOUR AFFIDAVIT

The following paragraphs are some example clauses that may fit your case. Change or adapt these examples to suit your own situation. You will have to write your own clauses that reflect the facts in your own case.

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___. [Shared Custody]

I have the following increased costs because of the shared custody arrangement:

(Give details.)

__. [Children over the age of majority]

I give the following information about the children over 18:

(Include child's income or ability to earn income, availability of school loans or grants, and expenses of child, including breakdown of any postsecondary education expenses.)

___. [Spouse in place of a parent]

The Respondent stands in place of the natural father/mother (choose one throughout) of the children for the following reasons ... The natural father/mother of the children gives me monthly child support in the sum of \$

I stand in place of the natural father/mother (choose one throughout) of the children for the following reasons ...
The natural father/ mother of the children gives the Respondent monthly child support in the sum of \$ _____.

__. [Undue hardship]

I am claiming undue hardship. I (and/or the children) suffer from undue hardship due to the following circumstance(s):

(Give details of any circumstances of undue hardship, including the expected time that any of these circumstances will end. For possible circumstances, see S.10 of the Guidelines, and the booklet *Information for Unrepresented Parties about Child Support Matters.*)

Other example clauses could include:

- ____ In addition to the children of the marriage, I live with ____ adult(s) and ____ other children. (give numbers). The other adult(s) earn \$____ gross per year.
- __. I pay/receive (choose one) child support for other children in the amount of \$_____ per month pursuant to a Court Order or written Agreement.
- __. The other party lives with ___ adult(s) and ___ other children. (give numbers)
- __. The other adult(s) earn \$____ gross per year. (if unknown, give any employment details of the other adults)
- __. The other party pays/receives (choose one) child support for other children in the amount of \$_____ per month pursuant to a Court Order or written Agreement.
- ____. My household has a lower standard of living than the household of the other party. My household income ratio is ______, and his/hers is ______. (give the ratio from the standards of living test) Attached and marked as Exhibit `_____' to this my Affidavit is a copy of the comparison of household standards of living test calculated in accordance with Schedule II of the Federal Child Support Guidelines.

[optional]

My household has a lower standard of living than the household of the other party, as evidenced by the following:



Affidavit of Service (Serving the Application)

Use this form to explain when and where the respondent received a copy of your application. It is the person who served the respondent who must provide the information about service and sign the Affidavit of Service in front of a commissioner for oaths.

Before filing the Affidavit of Service, make sure that:

□ you include your full name and the respondent's full name in the form and on the backer
 □ the paragraphs that apply to you are filled in and the paragraphs that do not apply to you are crossed off
 □ the original Notice of Motion and one copy each of the Affidavit, Review Memo and Summary Sheet(s) are attached, as well as the Delivery Confirmation Record and Acknowledgement of Receipt if you served by registered mail, as exhibits
 □ each one of the exhibits is lettered consecutively (Exhibit A, Exhibit B...)
 □ the person who served the documents signs the Affidavit of Service in front of a commissioner for oaths
 □ you make one copy of the original Affidavit of Service,

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Attach all exhibits at the end of the Affidavit just before the backer.

including all exhibits



	Action No:
	In the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
	IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
BET	WEEN:
	YOUR NAME Applicant
	- and -
	OTHER PARTY'S NAME
	Respondent
	Affidavit of Service
	ATTEMPT OF SERVICE
	I,, of the, of the of, ame of document server, of the, ame of document server, ame of city or town etc.'
in t	he Province of Alberta, MAKE OATH AND SAY:
1.	That I am an adult person.
2.	That I did on the ${}$ DATE OF SERVICE day of ${}$ MONTH OF SERVICE $^{\prime}$, ${}$ YEAR $^{\prime}$, personally serve
	the Notice of Motion and Affidavit, which are annexed and marked respectively as
	Exhibits 'A' and B' to this my Affidavit, and a copy of the Review Memo and Child
	Support Summary Sheet(s) which are annexed and marked collectively as Exhibit ${^\backprime}\! C'$
	to this my Affidavit, by delivering the said copies to and leaving the same with
	OTHER PARTY'S NAME, , the Respondent, at
	FULL ADDRESS WHERE OTHER PARTY WAS SERVED
_	OR
2.	That I did on the ${}$ DATE OF SERVICE day of ${}$ MONTH OF SERVICE, ${}$ YEAR.
	OTHER PARTY'S NAME , the Respondent, with a
	true copy of the Notice of Motion and Affidavit, which are annexed and marked
	respectively as Exhibits 'A' and 'B' to this my Affidavit, and a copy of the Review
	Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s) which are annexed and marked

collectively as Exhibit 'C' to this my Affidavit, by enclosing such copies in an envelope



addressed to OTHER PARTY'S NA	AME	, the Respondent, at:
FULL ADDRESS OF OTHER PARTY		
and posting the same by r	registered mail at:	
ADDRESS OF POST OFFICE WHERE YOU	U MAILED THE MATERIAL	
and annexed and marked	as Exhibits 'D' and 'E' to th	is my Affidavit are the Delivery
Confirmation Record and t	the Acknowledgement of Re	ceipt for such registered mail.
Sworn before me at the		
of	, in the Province	
of Alberta, this day of	··	SIGNATURE OF DOCUMENT SERVER
A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS IN		
A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS IN AND FOR THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA		



Insert your Exhibits here

These include:

Exhibit 'A' Notice of Motion

Exhibit 'B' Affidavit

Exhibit 'C' Review Memo and Child Support Summary Sheet(s)

For service by registered mail:

Exhibit 'D' Delivery Confirmation Record

Exhibit 'E' Acknowledgement of Receipt

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Put them in the same order when inserting them here.



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	Between:	
	YOUR NAME	Applicant
	- and) -
	OTHER PARTY'S NAME	Respondent
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		YOUR NAME
		YOUR ADDRESS
		YOUR PHONE NUMBER



Variation Order

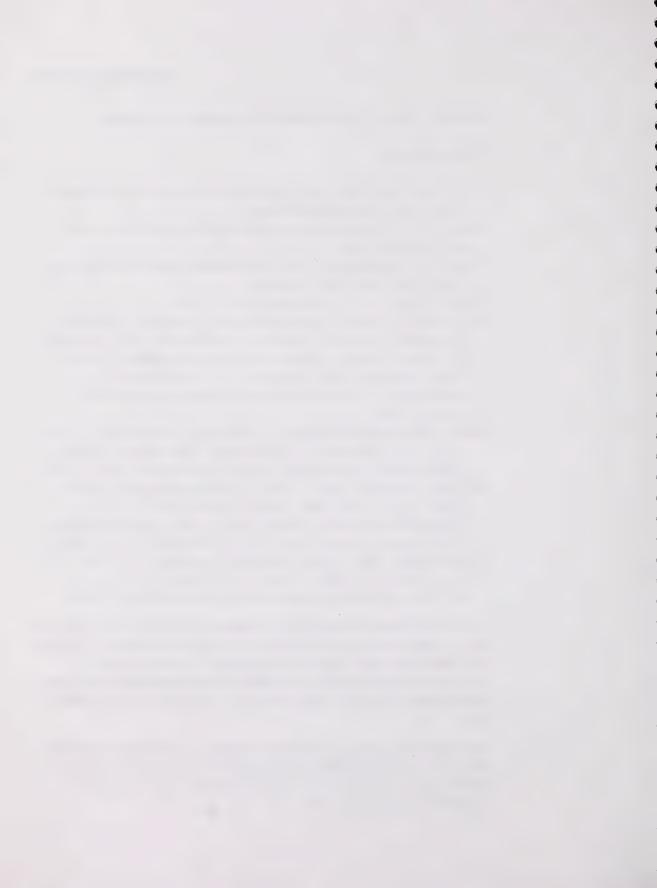
Use this form to prepare the Order made by the judge.

Make sure that:

	your full name and the respondent's full name are included in the form and on the backer
	you fill in the guideline incomes and the children's names and dates of birth
	you fill in paragraph 1 with information about the Judgment/ Order that this Order changes
	you include all of the terms of the Order
u	you add or cross off paragraphs, or change the wording of the sample Order as necessary to reflect the Order given by
	the judge in court. Sample terms are on pages 89 and 91. These terms are just samples. If you need to add
	paragraphs or other terms you will need to re-type the sample Order
	the Order states whether the respondent appeared in court or not - by crossing off the paragraph that does not apply
	(found before the terms/numbered paragraphs of the Order) if the respondent was in court, that the respondent has
	signed his/her signature on the Order below the line "Approved as to form and content". If the respondent was
	not in court, you can cross off this paragraph in the Order.
	you number all of your paragraphs consecutively (1, 2, 3, 4) you make four copies of your Order (total of five
	with the original) and take them to the Chambers Office.

Use a ruler when crossing off the paragraphs that don't apply to you. Cross them out by drawing a straight line through the first and last lines and a diagonal line joining them to form a "Z." Make sure that you put your initials at the beginning and at the end of every strikeout that you make. You cannot use "white out".

The judge may not be prepared to sign an Order with crossed off sections or handwritten paragraphs. In this case, you will have to re-type the Order. Also, a judge's signature cannot appear on a page by itself.



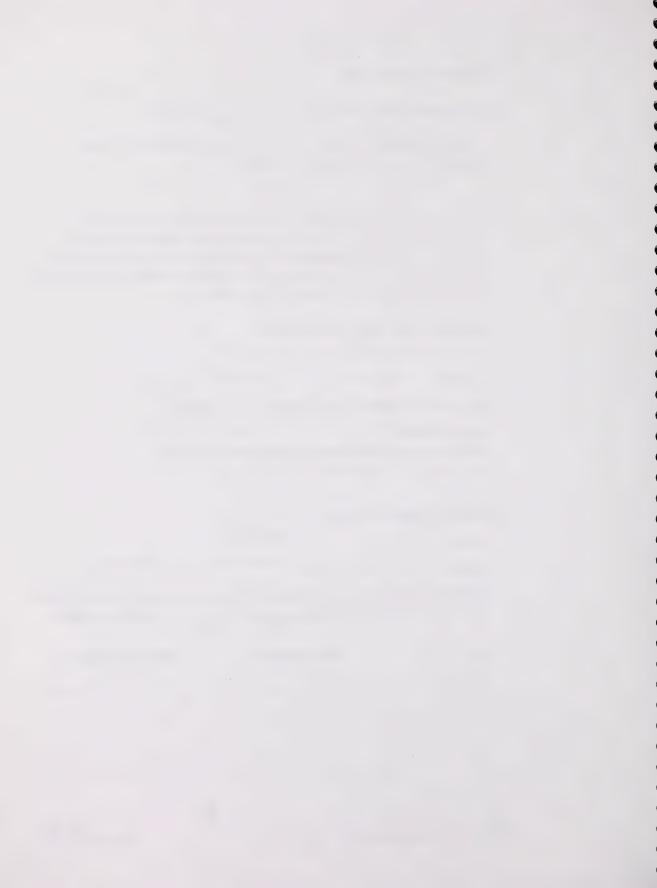
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MADAM/MR. JUSTICE)	DAY OF	
COURT HOUSE,, ALBERTA)		
VARIATIO	ON O	RDER	
UPON THE APPLICATION of the Applicant behalf of the Applicant; AND HEARING representations by the Respondent;	esentati	ons by the Applicant;	
OR			
AND UPON the Respondent not appearing	ig in pe	rson or by agent;	
AND UPON the Respondent having been \$ and the Applicant to have a			
AND UPON the Court being advised that relationship is as follows:	the na	me and birth date of ea	ach child of the
NAME , bo	rn MONTI	H/DAY/YEAR	
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1.	The Judgment/order granted, by the			
	Honourable Madam/Mr. Justice is hereby varied to delete paragraph of the said Judgment/order.			
2.	The amounts owing under this Order be paid to the Director of Maintenance			
	Enforcement, at 10365 - 97 Street, 7th floor, Edmonton, Alberta, and shall be			
	enforced by the Director unless the creditor files with the Court and the Director a			
	Notice, in writing, that he/she does not wish the Order to be enforced by the Director pursuant to Section 7 of the <i>Maintenance Enforcement Act</i> .			
3.	Standard Child Support Payment Clause			
	FULL NAME shall pay to			
	TULL NAME the sum of \$			
	per month for the support of the child(ren) of the marriage:			
	NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)			
	payable on the 1st day of each and every month, commencing			
	MONTH 1, YEAR			
4.	Add-on or Special Expenses			
	FULL NAME			
	the sum of \$ per month for			
	FULL NAME			
	additional expenses for the said $child(ren)$ of the marriage, payable on the 1st day of			
	each and every month, commencing 1,, allocated as follows:			
	<u>Child</u> <u>Nature of Add-on</u> <u>Amount or Percentage</u>			

Order
Booklet #19: Changing Child Support / Custody



5.	(Set out the custody arrangements)	
6.	(Set out the access arrangements)	
		JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA
APF	PROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:	
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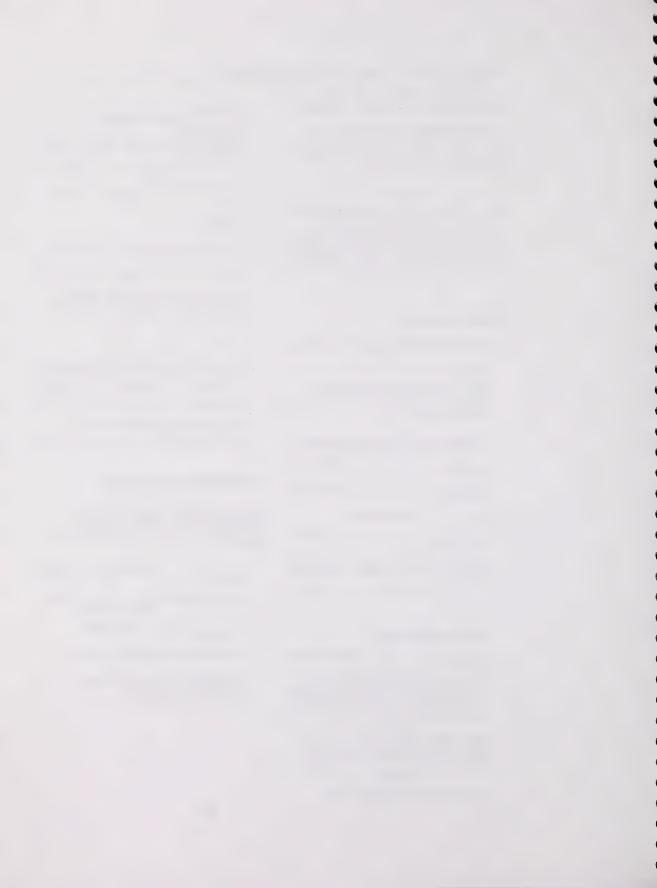
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SAMPLE CLAUSES TO INCLUDE IN YOUR ORDER

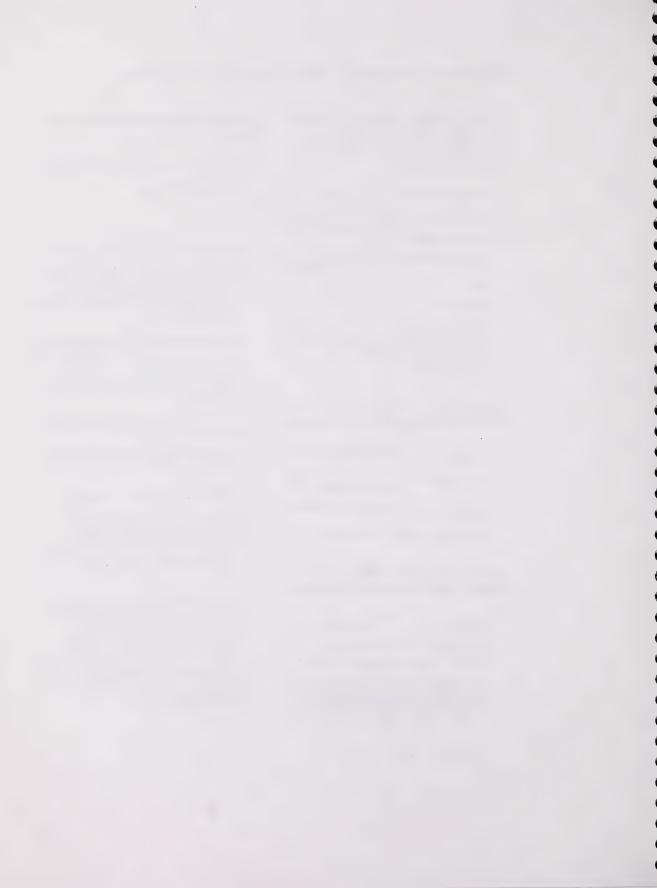
The following paragraphs are some example clauses that may fit your case.	marriage, NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)
Change or adapt these examples to suit your own situation. You will have to write your own clauses that reflect the Order given by the judge in court.	the sum of \$ per month payable on the 1st day of each month commencing 1,
	up to and including ${\text{MONTH}}$ 1, ${\text{YEAR}}$
Note: These clauses are not actual legal advice. They simply show you how to present information that may be needed in special circumstances. These samples do not replace your need to get legal advice. Child Support:	[and] The child support shall be revisited in, it being determined that the cause of the undue hardship should be eliminated by that date.
[Medical and Dental Coverage]	[or]
shall provide medical and dental insurance coverage for the child(ren) of the marriage. [Child Over Age of Majority] shall pay to	It is further ordered that commencing the day of,,
FULL NAME the sum of	Custody and Access:
\$ per month for, a child of	[Sole custody to one party, reasonable access to the other party]
the marriage over the age of majority, payable on the 1st day of each month, commencing 1,	of the children,, and, and
[Undue Hardship]	FULL NAME shall have
FULL NAME having satisfied	reasonable and generous access.
the Court that payment of the full amount of child support prescribed in the Federal Child Support Guidelines would cause	custody and access terms continued on page 91
undue hardship due to [set out all circumstances of undue hardship]: shall pay to for the	
support of the child(ren) of the	



CONTINUATION OF SAMPLE CLAUSES TO INCLUDE IN YOUR ORDER

[Joint custody, children live with one party, reasonable access to	[Clauses imposing restrictions on access]		
the other party, with minimum specified access]	shall not be entitled		
and	to overnight access.		
shall have joint custody of the children, with the children's primary residence to be with FULL NAME AND shall have reasonable access to the children, such access to include but not be limited to the following specified access: (Give details)	shall notify FULL NAME at least 24 hours in advance if he/she intends to exercise access [orif he/she is not able to exercise access a scheduled].		
[Sole custody to one party, detailed access to the other party]	shall not be under		
shall have sole custody	the influence of, or consume alcohol or illicit drugs during any access visit.		
of the children, , and shall have the following	Neither nor		
specified access: (Give details)	shall remove the children from the Province of Alberta [except for holidays] without the written consent of the other party or an order of this		
[Shared Custody - Section 9 of Federal Child Support Guidelines]	court.		
and shall have shared custody of the children,, as follows:	It is ordered that all peace officers in the Province of Alberta shall give whatever assistance is required to ensure compliance with this order. [Note: this clause is to be used only if the Applicant or Respondent has shown		
(Give details of the time each party has access to or physical custody of	a tendency to refuse to follow court orders in the past.]		

children over the course of the year)



Affidavit of Service (Service of the Order)

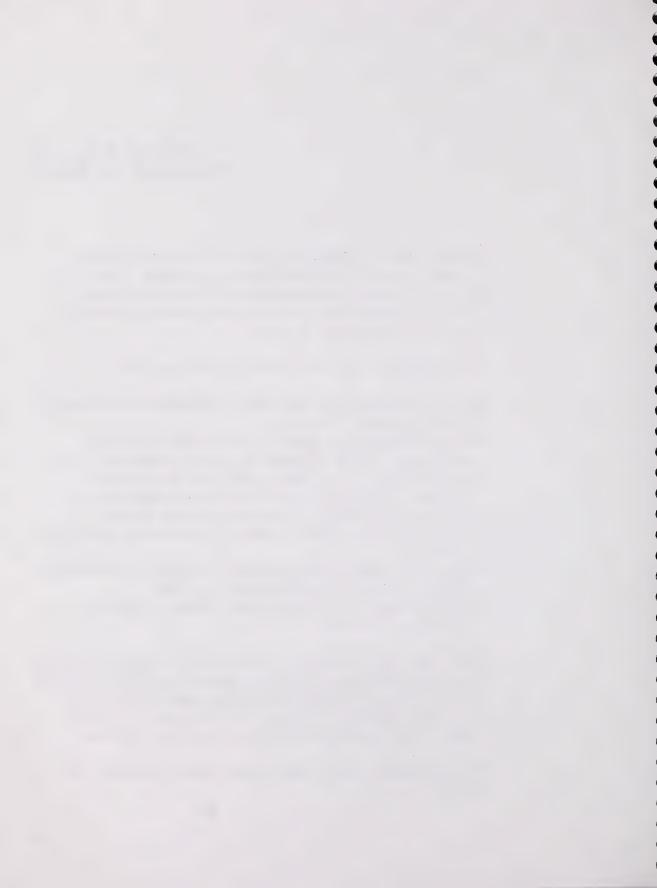
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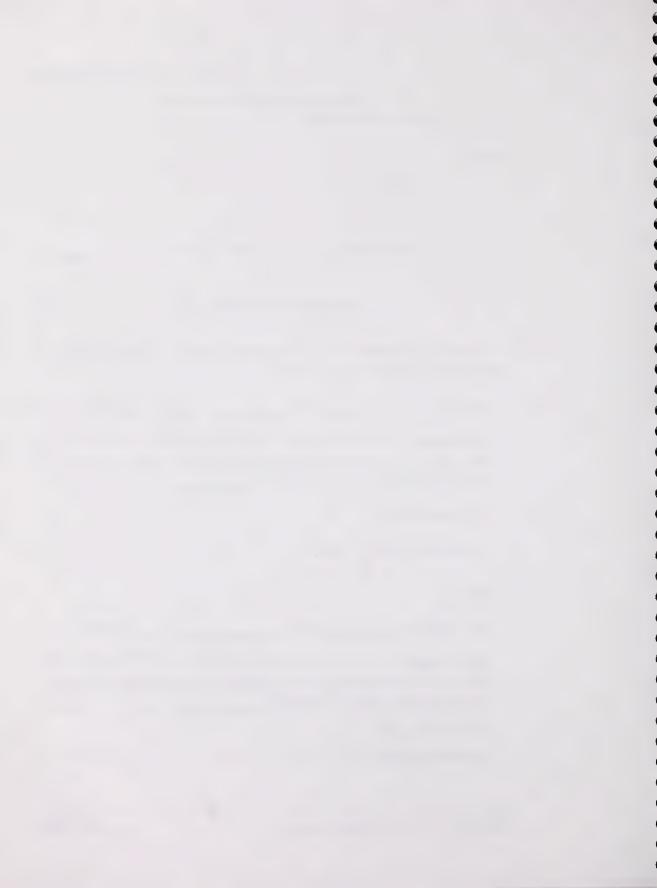
Ч	you include your full name and the respondent's full name in
	the form and on the backer
	the paragraphs that apply to you are filled in and the
	paragraphs that do not apply to you are crossed off
	one filed copy of the Order is attached, as well as the
	Delivery Confirmation Record and Acknowledgement of
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	each one of the exhibits is lettered consecutively (Exhibit A,
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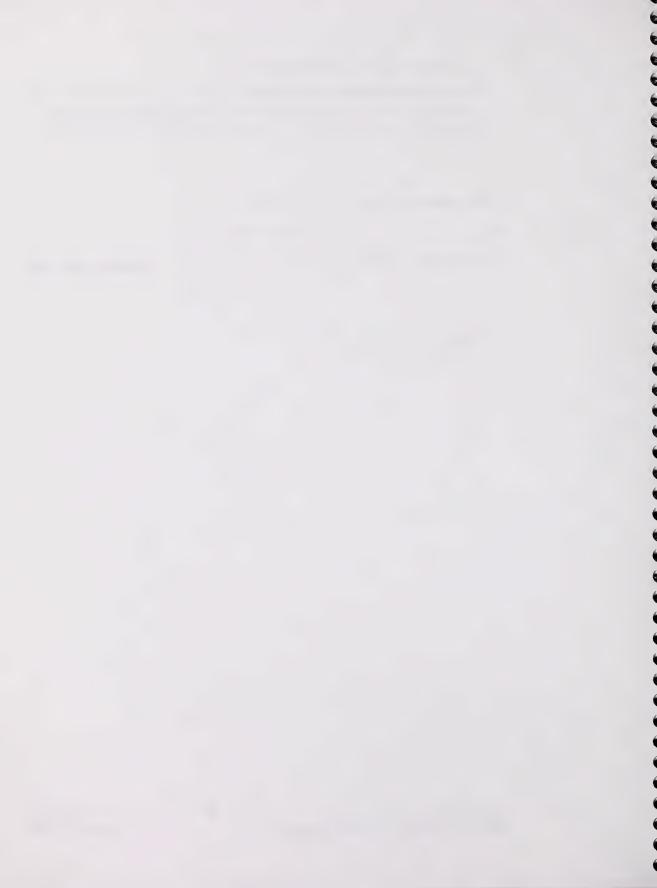


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	Applicant - and -
	OTHER PARTY'S NAME Respondent
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in t	the Province of Alberta, MAKE OATH AND SAY:
1.	That I did on the day of, personally serve
	OTHER PARTY'S NAME, the Respondent, with a true copy of the
	Order, which is annexed and marked as Exhibit 'A' to this my Affidavit, by delivering
	the said copy to and leaving the same with OTHER PARTY'S NAME,
	the Respondent, at:
	FULL ADDRESS WHERE OTHER PARTY WAS SERVED
	OR
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	OTHER PARTY'S NAME, the Respondent, with a true copy of the
	Order, which is annexed and marked as Exhibit 'A' to this my Affidavit, by enclosing
	the said copy in an envelope addressed to
	the Respondent, at:
	FULL ADDRESS OF OTHER PARTY



ADDRESS OF POST OFFICE WHERE YOU MAILED THE MATERIAL	
and annexed and marked as Exhibits 'B' and 'C' to	this my Affidavit are the Delivery
Confirmation Record and the Acknowledgement of	Receipt for such registered mail.
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of, in the Province	
of Alberta, this day of,	
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AND FOR THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA



Insert your Exhibits here

These include:

Exhibit 'A' Order

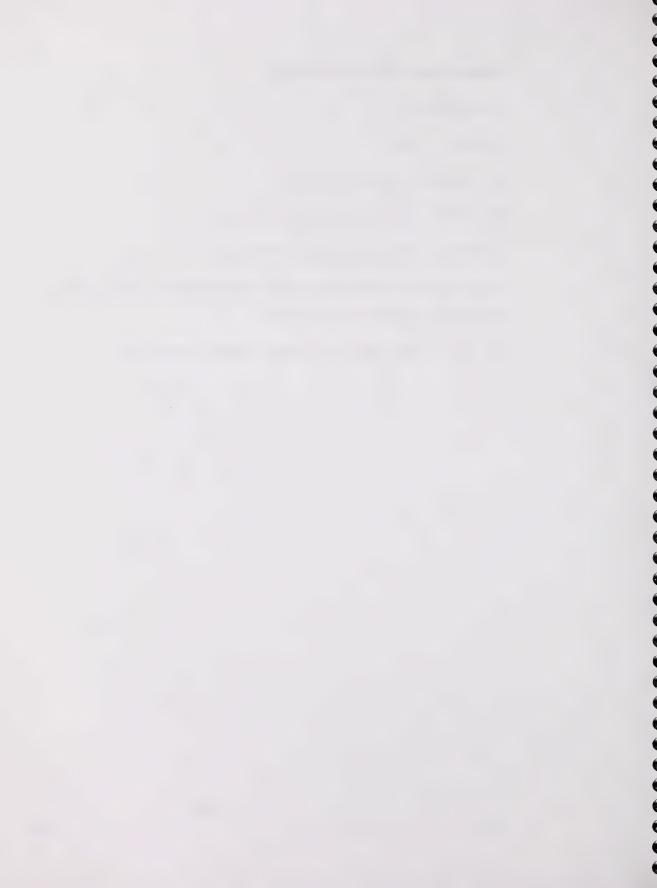
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THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF	
BETWEEN:	
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YOUR NAME	Applicant
- and -	
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	Respondent
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Action No: _

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Federal Justice Website:

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Alberta Government Website:

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Alberta Justice Website:

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Alberta Courts Website:

www.albertacourts.ab.ca

Child Support Guidelines Website:

www.canada.justice.gc.ca/en/ps/sup/index.html

